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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

*Pseudomonas* strain ANS *rif* has been deposited with the National Measurements Institute (NMI) formerly Australian Government Analytical Laboratories (AGAL), at 1 Suakin street Pymble 2073, New South Wales, Australia, on 28 January, 2000, under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, and assigned AGAL Accession No. NM 00/09624. This deposit of *Pseudomonas* strain AN5 *rif* is not to be construed as any admission that such a deposit is required to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. In compliance with the 37 C.F.R. §1.808, the applicants assure that: (1) access to the deposit will be available during pendency of the patent application making reference to the deposit to a person skilled in the art and determined by the Director to be entitled under §1.14 and 35 U.S.C. §122 to a sample of the deposit; and (2) all restrictions imposed by the depositor on the availability to the public of the deposited material will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of the patent.